

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Farmers' markets serve as an integral link between urban, suburban and rural communities, affording farmers and consumers the opportunity to interact; and

WHEREAS, The popularity of farmers' markets continues to rise as more consumers discover the joys of shopping for fresh, locally grown foods picked at the peak of freshness directly from the farmers who grow them; and

WHEREAS, The popularity of farmers' markets is evidenced by their growth in number statewide, from 26 markets in 1987 to 81 markets in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Farmers' markets have become an important venue for many of our small and medium-sized farming operations; and by selling directly to the consumer, farmers can realize a higher return for their products than if they were working through a wholesale market; and

WHEREAS, Local farmers spend their money with local merchants, so that money stays where it benefits everyone and helps build a stronger local economy:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK PARKINSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim August 2009, as

*Kansas Farmers' Market Month*

in Kansas and urge all citizens to join in this celebration by paying a visit to their local farmers market.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka  
under the Great Seal of the  
State this 21<sup>st</sup> day of  
July, A.D. 2009

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK PARKINSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim the week of August 2 – 8, 2009, as

*Kansas Farmers' Market Week*

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